PRESS RELEASE

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DATE: January 30, 2018
INCIDENT:  Attempted Murder-Carr Avenue
CASE #:  18-347

At approximately 10:43 a.m., Fairbanks Police received a report from a male in the Aurora Subdivision that his friend had been shot by another male. The suspect also attempted to shoot the caller who fled the residence as the suspect pursued him. He was able to hide and call 911.

The caller was able to give officers a general description of the suspect and directions to the Carr Avenue residence. The suspect fled the scene with the gun before the officers arrived.

A coordinated effort of all law enforcement agencies with significant resources including armored vehicles and AST HELO 2 were used to search the Aurora Subdivision area. Randy Smith Middle School and Anne Wien Elementary School were placed into lockdown as officers searched the area.

Fairbanks Fire transported the female victim to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital with life threatening injuries.

The suspect was identified as BENJAMIN JAMES KAMEROFF AKARAN (01/25/1999). AKARAN was apprehended at a Yale Way residence in the Chena Pump area at approximately 1:00 p.m.

AKARAN was remanded at the Fairbanks Correctional Center on ATTEMPTED MURDER charges.

The investigation regarding this incident is continuing and further information will be released as it becomes available.

If you have information regarding this incident, please contact Detective Avery Thompson at 907-450-6550 or athompson@fairbanks.us.

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